

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:
Masashi Kawasaki et al.

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For: METHOD OF MANUFACTURING THIN
FILM, METHOD OF MANUFACTURING p-
TYPE ZINC OXIDE THIN FILM AND
SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE

Examiner: J. C. Langman

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

MS Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Madam:

In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed March 30, 2009, Applicant hereby elects Group 1, claims 1-9, and 21, drawn to a method, for continued examination with traverse.

If the search and examination of all the claims in an application can be made without serious burden, the examiner must examine them on the merits, even though they include claims to independent or distinct inventions. *MPEP* 803. The Office Action has failed to show that it would be a serious burden on the Examiner to examine all claims. Therefore, the election requirement is improper and should be withdrawn.

Applicants respectfully request that the restriction be withdrawn and all claims examined.

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Respectfully submitted,

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